

VZCZCXYZ0000
PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHAK #0856 1701053
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
P 191053Z JUN 09
FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9922
INFO RUEHIT/AMCONSUL ISTANBUL 5890

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 000856

SIPDIS

EEB/ESC DANIELLE MONOSSON,
OES/EGC GRIFF THOMPSON AND IO/EDA REBECCA WEBBER

E.O. 12958: DECL: 06/19/2019
TAGS: [ENRG](#) [KGHG](#) [SENV](#) [TU](#)
SUBJECT: TURKEY'S POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE
ENERGY AGENCY

REF: SECSTATE 61286

Classified By: econmic counselor Dale Eppler for reasons 1.4 b, d

¶1. (SBU) Econ Counselor delivered reftel points June 19 to Berris Ekinici, Department Head, MFA Energy and Natural Resources Department. Ekinici said Turkey was a founding signatory to IRENA, an organization she described as "helpful and needed." Turkey has not yet ratified the statute, and Ekinici could not say when it might do so.

¶2. (C) The GOT will support the UAE bid to host IRENA, and already has conveyed this decision to the UAE. Ekinici said that the GOT likes the UAE's "master city" initiative and, as a matter of policy, also does not want to see international organization headquarters being concentrated in only a few areas of the world. Turkey is still considering its preference among the candidates for IRENA Director General.

¶3. (C) On IRENA's future activities, Ekinici said it needs a secretariat and management in place before a workplan can be decided on. Broadly, the GOT expects IRENA to work in the areas of research, technical assistance and fostering cooperation among members. Asked specifically about it being a source of funding, Ekinici said it is "a bit difficult" to see IRENA funding or building projects on its own. She did not discard, however, the possibility that IRENA might create a fund to draw in voluntary contributions.

Visit Ankara's Classified Web Site at
<http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Turkey>

JEFFREY